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Colonel William J. Donovan Coordinator of Information Apez Building Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I have received the following information concerning Emmy Rado also known as Mrs. Emmy Crisler Rado and I am bringing it to your attention in view of the statement by my informant that Mrs. Rado intended to accept a position in your office at 270 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, on September 22, 1941.

My informant prefaced her statements in this matter with the allegation that she could got give any specific incidents which would indicate that Mrs. Rado was engaged in any activities which were considered detrimental to this country but a series of small occurrences had aroused her suspicions. It was alleged that Mrs. Redo was an associate of one John P. Lovestone, a former leader of the Communist Partyin New York City, although there is no indication that this acquaintanceship progressed through mutual Communist activities.

It was stated that subsequent to an article which appeared in the "PM" newspaper, criticising the book "Out of the Night", Mrs. Rado was overheard stating to an unknown individual, who was apparently connected with the writer of this article, "It's so stupid. You give your hand away,

While it appears that this information may be somewhat functiful and I have made no investigation to verify the truth of the statements furnished, I wanted you to have the benefit of any information furnished to me which may be of possible interest to you.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED DATE 6-4.99 WY 60267 NIS/EPIDO 405953 Mr. Foxworth COMMUNICATONS SECTIONS MAILED Mr. Nichols SEP 27 1941 Mr. Rosen Mr. Carson PEDERAL BUBEAU OF INVESTIGATION IL S. DEPARTMENT OF IUSTICE Mr. Quina Tamm asr. Henden My. Tracy

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Re: EMMY RADO --- also known as Mrs. Emmy Crisler Rado; Mrs. Sandor Rado.

Dear Sir:

On September 19, 1941, MRS. RACHEL BELL, 235 E. 22nd St., New York City, telephonically communicated with her cousin Special Agent Norris Vincent of the New York Office and advised that she had information concerning EMMY RADO which she considered might be of interest to this Bureau especially since Rado was to accept a position in the office of COLONEL WILLIAM DONOVAN on Monday, September 22, 1941, at his New York Office, 270 Madison Ave.

Subsequently, on the same date Special Agent T. J. Jenkins of this office, interviewed MRS. BELL at her home and she advised that she was employed by the United States Committee For Care of European Children, 285 Madison Avenue, in the capacity of business manager. She stated that in the past year EMMY RADO had been in charge of recruiting volunteer workers for this organization. Mrs. Bell stated that she could not give any specific incident which would indicate Rado as being engaged in any activities which would be considered detrimental to this country but she stated that a series of small occurrences had aroused a suspicion in her mind as to RADO.

MRS. BELL stated that she herselfahadimeture in New York City. It should be noted in this connection 7 1941 that MRS. BELL had met LOVESTONE through RADO and had indicated

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to MRS. BELL that both she and LOVESTONE had several mutual friends. In this connection MRS. BELL advised that RADO had informed her during the past year that she had been offered a job in the government of Russia which job would take her to Moscow. She stated that apparently EMMY RADO has traveled very extensively throughout Europe and that according to her own statements knows several politicians in practically all of the countries of Europe.

MRS. BELL stated that at the time JAN VALTIN'S book "OUT OF THE NIGHT" appeared on the market, PM the New York newspaper had written an article severely criticizing this book. Upon the appearance of this article Mrs. Bell overheard RADO tell some individual, who apparently had connections with the writer of this article in PM, in German, "Its so stupid. You give your hand away."

MRS. BELL stated that about three months ago an article appeared in the PM newspaper concerning a meeting of the German-American Bund members at Washington, D. C. and in this article their appeared a picture of three individuals two of which were identified by name which names she could not recall but the third picture was not identified. Subsequent to the appearance of this article in the newspaper, Mrs. Bell received three copies of this photograph from friends asking her if this unknown woman's photograph was not that of EMMY RADO. Mrs. Bell stated that she could not definitely identify this photograph as being EMMY RADO in that the newspaper reprint was very poor.

Mrs. Bell stated that RADO has been very active in performing work for the Southern Summer School For Workers, 437 W. 59th St. which organization Mrs. Bell stated, was Communistic. She further stated that EMMY RADO was a friend of one DR. EDWARD, a teacher at the NEW SCHOOL OF SOCIAL RESEARCH in New York City; that EMMY RADO maintained that she met DR. EDWARD in Europe several years ago. RADO has informed Mrs. Bell that she was born in Switzerland and that she was naturalized in New York City in 1936. Mrs. Bell described EMMY RADO as being about 40 years of age; married, her husband's name being DR. SANDOR WADO a Hungarian psychiatrist; Height 5' 3"; Weight 120 lbs; Tyes, brown; Complexion, dark; Hair, black; residence 12 E. 86th St., New York City; has one son, name unknown.

This is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and no further investigation will be conducted concerning EMMY RADO unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E.J. CONNELLEY, (Assistant Director.